GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has emphasised the need for the ratification of the convention against torture;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) India signed the UN Convention Against Torture and other cruel, inhuman treatment, degradation of punishment on October 14, 1997. India has, however, not yet ratified the Convention because amendment of legislation to be in conformity with the provisions of the Convention is under examination. The process is under way and once the necessary amendment of legislation is enacted, the Government will be in a position to ratify the Convention.